GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5996
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PLEA BARGAINING
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken decision to introduce the concept of Plea bargaining;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): The Law Commission in its 154th Report has, inter alia, recommended to introduce the concept of Plea-bargaining. The Report is being processed in consultation with State Governments and UT Administrations. The Government has also recently appointed the Criminal Justice System Reforms Committee under chairmanship of Shri Justice V.S. Malimath former Chief Justice of Kerala and Karnataka High Court with comprehensive terms of reference. The Report of the Committee is awaited. A holistic view on this recommendation would be taken while considering measures to revamp the Criminal Justice System.